BASEBALL GOSSIP.

DRIVERS WANT SPEEDWAY

KAHOE SEEKS RECRUITS FOR THE CARTOONIST'S IDEAS OF CURRENT SPORTING AFFAIRS. SPORTSMEN WANT TO BUILD BROWNS ON PACIFIC COAST.

St. Louis American League Club Makes Offers to Pitchers Whalen and Thomas Through Browns' Catcher, Who Is En Tour With All-Nationals-Dreyfuss Says Kane Has Not Been Signed -Billy Maloney May Be Switched to Boston-Gossip.

WRITTEN FOR THE SUNDAY REPUBLIC, Mike Kahoe is acting as Jimmy Mc-Meer's recruiting officer in the Far West nd he has not been idle. Through Kahoe ague stars, and when the Browns report Cincinnati in March a pair of coast viriers may be added to the pitching staff. Pitcher Jimmy Whalen of San Francisco as been offered a contract with the St. ouis American League Club at a good silary, but unless he can obtain his release he will not consider the proposition. Whalen went to Manager Harris last week and asked to be released from his contract in order to join the Browns, but his release was refused. It is presumed that Kahoe was the agent who tried to secure Whalen. The San Francisco management persuaded Whalen that it would be an unwise move for him to cut loose from his California League berth to take his chances with the St. Louis pitching staff, which, like all big league twirking corps, will be reduced by the weeding-out process. They pointed out to Whalen, unselfishly of course, that he might be dropped by the wayside. As long as he cannot obtain an honorable release, Whalen says he will stay on the Pacific Const.

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Whalen stands fourth and Thomas thirteenth in the list of winning pitchers in the California League for the season just ended. Whalen ranks next to "Rubo" Waddell. He won thirty games and lost twenty-six, an average of .53. The average number of hits made off him per game was only 6.5. He struck out on an average of 1.8 batsman a game, and bases on balls allowed by him average 2.7 per game. He made but seven wild pitches during the season, but his control was evidently ragged, as he hit thirty-two batters with pitched balls. Both Thomas and Whalen are good fielding pitchers, ranking second and third respectively, in the league.

In sixty games Thomas accepted 13 chances out of 128. He had 112 assists and but five errors. His fielding average is .54. Whilen, in fifty-six games, had more work accepted to the history of the second and third respectively. In the least of winning pitchers Thomas ranks next to Harry Kane, the St. Louis scuthpaw, but he pitched sixty games, as against Kane's sixteen. Thomas won twenty-four games and lest twenty-nine, an average of .53. An average of 7.7 hits per game. The records show him to be rather unsteady. He turned loose eleven wild pitches and hit thirty-seven batsmen.

Kahoe, who is a member of the All-National team, which is now on the Pacific Coast, has been watching the work of the Califorria League pitchers closely. He was commissioned by Jimmy McAleer to pitk up anything that looked good, and it is sa d that he has his eye on a catcher, as well as several pitchers. The California League will lose many of its stars next season, some having been signed for Eastern teams. Joc Caulition, who will manage the Milwa

The "peace" conference scheduled to take place in Cincinnati this week may not be a very peaceful affair. In fact, it may be declared off if the National League Committee is not invested with full power to the two the two to be some trouble brewing and a hitch may occur that will end the truce and renew the war.

The trouble, in a nuishell, is this: The National League committee arpointed at the New York meeting was inscructed to confer with a like committee from the American League to see what arrangements

the other hand, there is a doubt as to whether the National League committee is an advisory committee for the league.

Under the circumstances the American League men naturally object to going into session with no assurance that any deal that may be fixed up will be accepted by the National League Club owners as a body. The American in exchanging concessions might reveal some weaknesses that could be taken advantage of by the rival league if the peace negotiations came to naught. It is history that the National League for several years has been composed of men who were "pulling" for No. 1. It was every man for himself and none of them fully trusted the others. On the other hand the American League is working in harmony said at their meeting left everything in the league of Ban Johnson, a proof of their confidence in his wisdom.

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Should propositions be submitted by the American League to be passed on by the National League as a body, it is very likely that they would be torn to pieces and cause dissensions in the old league that would end in an abandonment of peace negotiations. Pan Johnson is a student in the school of experience, or rather a graduate, and he is not trusting more than one man in the National League, and that man is Garry Hermann, president of the Cincinnaul clab. He will insist that the committees will have full power to act in an executive capacity at the Cincinnaul meeting.

Barney Drevfuss has placed an official veto on the story that Harry Kane, the St. Louis southpaw, has been signed by the

Pitisburg club. The story of Kane's alleged contract with the Plitsburg club was a bloomer in some respects. Kane was recommended by Jimmy Burke, but Dreyfurs says that he dld not send him any contract and that he has not promised to give him a trial.

Since the American League has shown that it is not bluffing in the matter of placting a club in New York, the Gotham scribes have undergone a decided change of sentiment. They roasted and ridiculed Johnson because he visited New York and did not call on them and pooh-poohed the story that he had secured grounds for a club. The location of the grounds has not been announced, but the New York writers since learning to know Johnson better have injected more respect into their screeds.

James F. Kilfoyle of the Cleveland club was in New York recently and said that the American League grounds there would accommodate 30,000 people. The plans of the St. Louis American League stands were inspected by the persons having in charge the construction work in New York. It is not likely that they will be followed to any great extent.

"Our grand stand" said Mr. Kilfoyle, will be a horseshoe in shape, and a double-decker. The seating capacity will be 7,500. The bleachers will hold 11,000. We have not as yet made any arrangements for the 25-cent seats, but we look to make accommodations for about 5,000."

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There is small chance that Robert A. Unglaub will be among those present when the Pacific Coast League starts its season next spring, and few will bemoan the fact. Unglaub is perhaps the busiest player in the country when it comes to making promises and signing contracts. Last spring he signed with Worcester and then tried to get on with the Philadelphia Nationals. The duplicity was found out and Unglaub wrote a penitant letter to Worcester. Before the ink had fairly dried he was on his way to Sacramento. This fall he accepted terms from Portland, and had \$100 advance money waiting for him in a Sacramento bank. Later he met Parke Wilson and promised to play with Denver. Still later he told Fisher that he liked Sacramento and would surely stay another season, and finally he actually signed a contract with Joe Cantillon for Milwaukee-and the playing season is yet some months away.

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Bob Hedges may go South with the Browns in the spring. He is interested in some timber lands in the vicinty of Baton Rouge.

Billy Maloney may be traded to Jimmy Collins, manager of the Boston Americans by the Cincinnati Club. Maloney failed to make good in Cincinnati toward the fag end of the season. Henry Killilea, owner of the Boston Club, put Maloney in the American League in Milwaukse two years ago. He is still an admirer of the Georgtown lad and will trade one of his players to the Cincinnati Club if he fix up a deal.

Should Maloney stick with the Reds he will doubtless get his salary reduced as in signed a two-year contract for \$3,000 a season and that is more than they think he is worth in Cincinnati. Under Jimmy Collins, Maloney might do better than he did under Joe Kelley. Killilea certainly will give him picuty of encouragement. Jimmy McAleer released Maloney last summer but said at that time that he believed the law would be a star in a few seasons.

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The election of officers of the St. Louis American League Club will take place some time in February, probably at the meeting at which the stockholders will vote on a proposition to increase the capital stock of the club from \$59,000 to \$80,000. Few changes are contemplated but it is rumored that Ben Adkins may be elected to one of the offices. The formal call for the stockholders' meeting has been issued. They are to meet February 30, at the office of the club, No. 586 Security building.

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That rabid National League partisan, who is the baseball historian on the Pittsburg Press, advertises the American League almost every day by running big scare heads on what he calls the baseball "syndicate." In some recent comment he refers to Robert Lee Hedges as a young Cincinnati business man, who invested some \$20,000 in the St. Louis American League club. He also hints that Mr. Hedges's financial standing

St. Louis American League club. He also hints that Mr. Hedres's financial standing is not above par.

If he cared to take the trouble to inquire among reputable and wealthy business men of Circinnati, St. Louis and Kansas City he could soon convince himself of his mistake. Mr. Hedges invested \$20,000 in capital stock after buying the club from Henry and Matt Killiea. He took 300, of the 500 shares of stock, and will take a great deal more when the englitalization is increased. He did not retire from the carriage-making business, as the Pittisburg scribe states, but still retains his former business interests, and they are many. He worked carly and laize at Sportsman's Park last summer because he wanted to become familiar with baseball. Like any good business man, he wanted to know something of the business in which he had invested money.

Mr. Hedges, though but a year in base-

nulled out with profit at the end of the season.

Not long ago a certain St. Louis gentleman, who has been connected with baseball interests for years, undertook to prove to me that the Brown club must have lost at least \$20,000 on the season and that the receipts fell that much short of the actual expenses for the season, not counting in the cost of grounds or ante-season expenses. With a salary list of close to \$65,



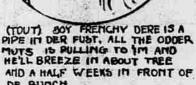






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000, this gentleman figured out where the traveling expenses and all other incidentals must have smounted to at least \$20,000 more. Urder this expense he averred no profit could have been made.

Mr. Hedges, when told of this arithmatical puzzle, simply said:

"Let me see. At the end of the season some of the newspapers printed statements purporting to emanate from McAleer and myself as to the money the club made. I remember one guess was 2s high as \$10,000. Now I don't propose to show the books to anybody without a run for the money. If this gentleman wants to back his statement, I will wager \$1,000 that the Browns cleared more than \$10,000 on the season and I will prove it, for I have every item in black and white."

SID MERCER. Baseball Notes.

But want was a springs?

-Manager Fisher of the Secramento Club of the California League has offered "Wild Bill" Donovan 24,900 to pitch for him during the season Donovan \$4.00 to pilch for man of 193.

-Cy Voorbees led the Washington team in hitting last year, beating out Delehanty. His average was .657. It might be added that he played that he played the state of the stat

and although not burly in physique, are trimly enough built to make their opponents know that they have been playing a rough game when they are tackled.

Jack Ammans, one of the forwards of Jarrett's beauty spoilers, is developing a wonderful faculty for oratory. Last Sunday he did the "Duse" act on more than one occasion when Referee Riley gave decisions against the Jarrett crew.

NOW'S THE TIME TO MAVE MINDLING DELIVERED IM

From certain quarters comes the plaintive From certain quarters comes the plaintive wail that the association game is not a drawing card. Those who are making these statements should attend one of the contests and see for themselves. New Year's Day over 1.500 persons saw the game between the Diels and the Kerns, although the weather was anything but inviting.

Captain Tom Finnegan of the Sportsmen claims that he will have "Johnnie" Comerford in next Sunday's game. That his team is strong cannot be disputed, but Comerford will lend it additional support. On the left outside there is no man in St. Louis that has any edge on the little North Sider, JARRETT IN GOOD FORM.

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RICKSTEIGER MAY QUIT GAME.

Ricksteiger, it is reported, is going to quit the game. If the great full back does quit the game it will lose the best full back ever developed in the city. He is a better kicker and faster man than any of the players who have been playing that position in St. Louis, Barring the McDonoughs and Paddy Lynch, Ricksteiger holds the rest easily safe.

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Just why Swan of Leven is not lined up with the C. B. Cs. is a matter of much wonderment to the spectators. After signing with that eleven and writing letters that he would be out to play, he has falled to ever put in an appearance at the games.

T. P. MAGILLIGAN.

WINNING JOCKBYS OF ENGLAND.

W. Lane Leads the List With 170 Wins-Maher in Third Place. The complete list of winning jockeys in England is now on hand. W Lane heads the list, for he never relinquished the long lead he gained early in the season. He scored 170 wins out of 807 mounts to his credit, 69 of his successes being gained in the colors of his principal employer, Sir Blundell Maple Thanks to Maher's beginning to ride late in the season and return-ing to America ten days before it closed. Ing to America ten days before it closed. Halsey comes second with 115 wins out of 667 starts. Maher is an easy third, with 106 wins out of 452 essays.

Skeets Martin comes fourth with 30 wirs, to grawhich he rode on 528 occasions; he would be a second of the best racing weeks, owing to breaking his collar bone at Redcar late in the summer.

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The main feature of the list is the remarkable showing made by the apprentices, Dixon, Trigs, Griggs and Hardy, who are credited respectively as follows: Dixon, 33 wins, 35 mounts; Trigs, 47 wins, 25 mounts; F. Hardy, 4 wins, 53 mounts, and Griggs, 45 wins, 467 mounts. The last named, wao is described as a second Pete Clay, being as broad as he is long, is apprenticed to the American trainer. W. Duke, while T. Dixon has the Irish-American trainer. Tom Rooney, for a masfer. The latter has taught his pupil a currous practice, for, when Dixon has to carry weight he wears a cap with seven pounds of shot in the band. F. Hardy has a St. Leger to his credit, as he rode Sceptre to victory for that event.

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Much money is wagered in England on jockeys mounts Followers of this system had a bad year, for only two jockeys repaid their adherents. Dixon's admirers netted 86 times their fixed stake, those of Trigg 47 times. Maher did next best, but cost his friends 44 times their stake. The followers of Lane lost 62 stakes, and those of Skeets Martin were away out in the cold.

AGAINST THE AMERICAN GOLF BALL English Professionals Combine to Bar the Rubber-Covered Sphere.

COLISEUM AND A SPEEDWAY.

Max R. Orthwein Is Promoting Both Projects-Location of Speedway to Be Space Around Tower Grove Park-Want to Save and Rebuild the Present Coliseum-Improvement in Family Horses Badly Needed in St. Louis.

Although Dick Jarrett is out of condition, he is playing a wonderfully fast game. Those who sus him New Year's Day will long remember some of the shots that old "Off Side" shot at Gleason. On more than one occasion it was a matter of luck that Gleason was hit by the ball, for he could never have saved several of the shots that Dick had directed his way but for the good luck he was playing in.

Gerald Shea of the Kerns is playing a very fast game for his eleven. The sturdy half back is better than ever. His blocking is perfivet and his passing is flawless. He feeds his forward well, and is hard enough to stop any man in St. Louis.

Cunningham of the Sportsmen is playing a fast game for his eleven, if he keeps on improving as he has done in the last year he will make all the older players look like the proverbial half of 60 cents.

Paul McSweeney, who for a number of years was one of the stars of the game, is even a better referce than he was a player. From the time the whistle blows to start the game until its close. "Mac" keeps the players were in the habit of disputing the players w

They are all close friends. In Chicago and New York it is mostly horse and horse, the owners scarce having an acquaintance with each other. In St. Louis they are been companions.

There is not even the remotest attempt of a speedway in St. Louis. Many locations have been spoken of. The World's Fair Grounds broke up a pet speedway scheme of Engineer Ben Adkins of the Water Department. He had a plan to work a way across the flats of Forest Park, back of the Lindell Pavilion. Another scheme embraced a run from Baden to Chain of Rocks. This is a bit out of town, though the roads are good, going and coming. King's highway has been talked of, but traffic renders it a bit impracticable.

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king's highway has been talked of, but traffic renders it a bit impracticable.

Mr. Orthwein thinks that the reserve strip around Tower Grove Park would make an admirable speedway. It is just wide enough, unduisting enough, long enough and so happily situated that drivers can go all around the park to the original starting place instead of coming back in lines closely paralleled to those on which they went out. Then the way lies around an exceedingly handsome park, close to one of the finest gardens in the world, is right in the center of a rich residence section, is but ten minutes drive from the center of the business city and almost within thirty minutes drive of the principal private and public stables of St. Louis and right off the main artery of traffic between North and South St. Louis. Further it is but fifteen minutes trot from Forest Park and the World's Fair Grounds. The location is admirable in that the way lies on a plateau which is one of the highest points in the city.

There are plenty of men in St. Louis who own or should own, or who, under proper conditions, would be glad to own, roadsters of the right kind. They should have a speedway. It is not easy to find a more en-

One gentleman of St. Louis, very much set on amateur sportsmanship—as distinguished from mere "sport"—has two pet projects Most persons competent to judge them and to form correct opinions with the projects. Most persons competent to judge them and to form correct opinions with the projects when the projects with the projects when the projects with the projects with the projects when the project projects when the projects There is no better exercise for the busy man than riding. It may not develop Sandowic muscles, such as professors of physical culture would persuade you should grow upon the arms and back of a book-keeper, but it is the best intestinal tonic known to the medical profession. Nothing can do more for head, heart-langs and intestines than a merry, jossy walk through the business section, a sharp trot through the business section, a sharp trot through the thickly populated strip between the residence and business divisions, and a nice, rocking gallop over the boulevard or through the park, then home to dinner.

It is scarce to be expected that the older business men will take up things of this kind when they get past their early thirties, Muscles and habits get too set by that time. But the multitude of young men recently out of college, off the ball field and from the country club should be reasonably expected to take up such things and maintain them from the age of 25 to that of 45, or older. It costs no more to keep such a horse than it does to keep sume of the wall-eyed, glanderous-looking hatracks which one sees nowadays pulling the broughams and surreys of many well-established families. It may cost a few hundred doliars to buy such a horse, but his value will not deteriorate if he is properly kept. Then there is the appearance of the thing.

They pay much more attention to appearance in Europe than they do in America.

New York, Jan. 3.—He looked like a laborer as he stopped before the restaurant at Ne. 74 Elm street and slowly read the bill of fare pasted upon the window. Weakly, as if tired, he walked to Franklin street, pushed open the door of another restaurant, looked at those inside eating, closed the door, staggered up the street and fell dead.

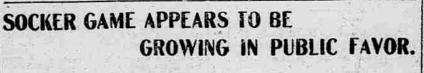
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HENRY JONES.
Well-known St. Louis pool expert, who is entered in the second annual French pool tour nament at the Brondway.

Attendance Is Steadily Increasing at the Local Contests and General Interest Is Taken in the Sport-Finnigan Is Developing Into a Crack Player and Is Already One of the Fastest Men in the Field-Gerald Shea Is Playing a Fast Game - Report . That Rickstiger Is Going to Leave the Gridiron.

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care is fully atterted by the increased attendance at each game so far played this season. From a handful of faithful rooters, who have braved the elements for the last typelve years to watch the football warriors, the sport has grown in popularity until from 2,00 to 1,500 attend the game when the weather is mild.

If the football organizers would start the hall rolling just as soon as the baseball season closes, the attendance ought to go as high as 4,000 or 5,000. This laster flyure has only been reached once in the history of the game locally. The 5,000 mark was reached when the Cycling Club and St. Teresan seat at old South Bide Park in 138. The failure of the association to have been in the past for the small crowd, and this condition still prevains to a certain extent. With winter weather it is the only game that will appear to the sport-going public who preder sponents repeated.

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